

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8689

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 5, 2005

Application of PROJECT "RAFFAH")
INC. for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-2004-87

This matter is before the Commission on applicant's request for reconsideration of the voiding of authority conditionally granted to applicant in Commission Order No. 8174, served July 23, 2004.

Commission Regulation No. 66 provides that: "The time for compliance with the requirements for a conditional grant of authority will not be extended beyond a maximum of 180 days from the date the conditional grant of authority is issued. Such conditional grant of authority shall be considered void effective on the 181st day." As of January 19, 2005, applicant had not fully complied with the condition in Order No. 8174 that applicant file certain documents. Accordingly, the conditional grant became void on January 20, 2005.

Under Article XIII, Section 4(a), a party to a proceeding affected by a final order or decision of the Commission may file within 30 days of its publication a written application requesting Commission reconsideration of the matter involved, and stating specifically the errors claimed as grounds for the reconsideration. Although publication of a final decision is normally accomplished by issuing an order, the voiding of a conditional grant occurs automatically by application of Regulation No. 66. There is no tangible utterance other than the rule itself. Deeming publication to occur on the 181st day, when an applicant knows or should know that the Commission now considers the conditional grant void, is reasonable under the circumstances.¹

Respondent timely filed an application for reconsideration on February 15, 2005, but the application does not allege any error on the part of the Commission. The application therefore is denied.

However, considering that applicant has fully satisfied the condition of issuance prescribed in Order No. 8174, we will reopen this proceeding on our own initiative² and issue Certificate of Authority No. 966.³

¹ In re Boone-McNair Transp., LLC, No. AP-02-66, Order No. 7063 (Mar. 4, 2003).

² Commission Rule No. 26-04.

³ See Order No. 7063 (proceeding reopened to issue certificate of authority).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Certificate of Authority No. 966 shall be issued to Project "Raffah" Inc., 1717 K Street, N.W., #600, Washington, DC 20036.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES AND MILLER:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Morrow, Jr.', is positioned above the printed name.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director